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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

GREENFIELD, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1877.

PETERBORO':

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SCHOOL REPORT.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee, E. J. Downing.

Summer Term, taught by Miss M. Jennie Woods. This is a wide awake school, and appeared very well at commencement and close. The house was tastefully trimmed. We think it a pleasant term to the teacher, and profitable to the pupils.

Winter Term, taught by Mr. David A. Stiles, of Francestown. This district was fortunate in securing the services of so competent a teacher. The improvement in reading and thorough drill in arithmetic were quite noticeable, and the school accomplished as much in five weeks as some others did in a much longer term.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential Committee, Joseph Blanchard.

Summer Term, taught by M. Jennie Wood. Miss Wood having taught this school to the general satisfaction of the district, her services were secured a second time, though with not as good results as in the previous term; but the improvement of those who continued till the end was very good.

Winter term, taught by Mr. Wm. N. Cragin, of Peterboro'. This was Mr. Cragin's first experience as a teacher. He commenced his work with the ardor of youth and a determination to do his whole duty; and the school, though backward, made commendable improvement under his care. With more experience we think he will take a high rank among our teachers.

Branches taught: Reading, 15; Spelling, 15; Penmanship, 15; Arithmetic, 14; Geography, 7; Book-keeping, 1.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Prudential Committee, D. W. Burnham.

Summer term, taught by Miss Jennie G. Stebbins, of Manchester, and a graduate of the Manchester training school. The advantages Miss Stebbins had enjoyed were apparent to all who visited her school. A good disciplinarian, firm yet mild in her government, the pupils were deeply interested and made rapid improvement.

Fall term taught by the same teacher. The teacher and pupils fully sustained the good reputation they had acquired the previous term.

Branches taught first term, and the number attending to each: Reading, 43; Spelling, 43; Penmanship, 23; Arithmetic, 35; Geography, 15; Grammar, 16; Composition, 16.

Second term: Reading, 31; Spelling, 31; Penmanship, 20; Arithmetic, 20; Geography, 8; Grammar, 8; Drawing, 31; Vocal Music, 31.

Winter term taught by Mr. E. K. Morrison, of South Acworth. The school, in the judgment of your committee, was not a great success. The discipline

was lax, and wanted that sharpness of character which pronounces the teacher master of the situation. A *comfortable* degree of order is not a satisfactory condition of a school in these days of progress. No teacher need hope for any great degree of success unless he has power to control the order of the school room. In order to have satisfactory results, scholars must have thorough drill, which will touch their knowledge. Help by the teacher begets indolent habits and makes dependent scholars. This propping up serves to encourage weakness, and should always be avoided.

Branches taught: Reading, 33; Spelling, 33; Penmanship, 12; Arithmetic, 33; Geography, 9; Grammar, 10; Book-keeping, 10; History, 7; Algebra, 1.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Prudential Committee, N. Russell.

No Summer school. Winter term taught by James S. Rogers. This school is of pupils mostly from this town, there being but one or two from Bennington. The school was twice visited by your committee, who found it quiet and studious, and we think the school was doing as well as could be expected with its surroundings. The school house, having more than fulfilled its mission, has been abandoned, and the room now occupied is small, and benches inconvenient, making it unpleasant for teacher and pupils. This school is now in session, and I cannot make a full report for the want of the register.

DISTRICTS NOS. 5. & 8.

Prudential Committee, J. T. Robertson.

Summer term taught by Miss Bell K. Robertson.

This district furnishes its own teachers, and thus keep the money in the district and town. Few districts do as well as this in keeping up their interest and numbers. The teacher had the interest of the school at heart, and gained the affections of her pupils, and interested them in their studies. Branches taught: Reading, 20 ; Spelling, 20 ; Arithmetic, 11 ; Geography, 11 ; Grammar, 7.

Winter term taught by Miss Mary E. Robertson, a teacher of about one year's experience. In a quiet way she secures good order, the respect of her pupils, and does not fail to interest and improve them. I consider this an interesting field of labor for a teacher who is willing to work. Parents and pupils are willing to work for what they have, and want what they work for, and we wish them success.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Prudential Committee, J. Sawyer.

Summer term taught by Miss Julia A. Manning, a teacher who had a mind to work, but who "could not make brick without straw." There being but three or four pupils most of the time, and those from one family, the school was placed to disadvantage, for the want of emulation. The progress was as good as could be expected under the circumstances.

Branches taught: Reading, 4 ; Spelling, 4 ; Penmanship, 4 ; Arithmetic, 4 ; Geography. 2 ; Grammar, 1 ; Composition, 1 ; History, 1.

Winter term taught by Newel J. Sawyer. Mr. Sawyer appeared to have the confidence and good will of the pupils, which he turned to good account. The closing examination gave proof of decided progress.

Branches taught : Reading, 14 ; Spelling, 14 ; Pen-

manship, 8 ; Arithmetic, 13 ; Geography, 3 ; Grammar, 6.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Prudential Committee, S. G. Hartshorn.

Summer term taught by Miss Emma G. Smith, of Peterboro', an experienced teacher, whose mild and firm discipline won the respect of all. Few teachers take pains to find work, and interest their pupils as Miss Smith does. No duty was left undone through weariness or haste. Believing in the efficacy of work, she did not leave the results to chance. Whatever was right, and for the good of the school, she caused to be done. The result was a good school.

Branches taught : Reading, 20 ; Spelling, 20 ; Penmanship, 11 ; Arithmetic, 15 ; Geography, 6 ; Grammar, 5 ; Composition, 3 ; Drawing, 1.

Winter term, taught by Miss E. Loena Fairbanks, of Peterboro'. This was a No. 1 school, under the care of a No. 1 teacher. The order of the school was good, and the deportment of the scholars commendable, indicating proper respect for the teacher, and correct ideas of the relation which should exist between teacher and pupils. The school was a success.

Branches taught : Reading, 14 ; Spelling, 14 ; Arithmetic, 12 ; Penmanship, 6 ; Geography, 2 ; Grammar, 6 ; History, 2.

Fall term of High School, (so called). This was more properly a Town School, giving to all the districts in town the privilege of attending, the money being raised and appropriated by the town. This school commenced well under the care of E. K. Morrison, of South Acworth, a graduate of Bridgewater Academy. A teacher like some of our former ones,

well qualified in mind and heart to benefit his pupils. His kind and suasive manner soon won the confidence of his pupils, and we had much reason to hope for a successful term. We think the term not a failure, and are happy to say that the pupils from other districts, who had availed themselves of this school, appeared much better than those of the same age who had failed to do so.

Branches taught: Reading, 36; Spelling, 36; Arithmetic, 36; Geography, 6; Grammar, 20; Algebra, 2; History, 5; Book-keeping, 11.

One word to the parents of this district. It is generally thought by the "out districts," that those in the centre have too much money without a special appropriation, but in my opinion this is not the trouble, though you have about one-half of all the money used in town for school purposes. Bennington village has more than twice your amount, and has none too much. It is but little use to cram a dyspeptic stomach with savory meats. Unless there is a *want*, there is no need of a supply. Now, parents, until you create in the minds of your children a healthy desire for better culture, I think the town will be slow to make appropriations to sustain a High School. But could you and your children appreciate its advantages, it would be money well spent.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN FLETCHER, S. S. Committee.

Greenfield, March 13, 1877.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1877.

Assessed upon the Polls and Estates of Residents, and upon
the Estates of Non-Residents in the town of Greenfield,
for the year 1876,

Amount of dog tax,

\$5265 67
55 00
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\$5320 67

MONEY RECEIVED.

Received on the taxes assessed,	\$4172 66
On dog tax,	21 00
Interest on taxes collected since Dec. 1,	15 84
On tax list of 1874,	81 21
On dog tax of 1874,	10 00
On tax list of 1873,	16 50
On tax list of 1875,	343 12
On dog tax of 1875,	11 00
Interest on taxes for 1875,	15 13
Of L. Bailey, on highway taxes,	79
For use of hay scales,	15 00
For use of town house,	6 50
Savings bank tax,	607 20
Railroad tax,	54 00
Literary fund,	67 00
Money borrowed,	2165 00
Of G. D. Pollard, for fines,	20 00
Of last year's treasurer,	371 63
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	\$7993 58

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid Daniel W. Flynn,	\$53 38
James Sawyer,	10 80
P. W. Hopkins,	1 35
Frank E. Lee,	2 50
Samuel G. Hartshorn,	15 17
Horace Cudworth,	36 12
Hopkins Brothers,	4 60
Mark Rogers,	75 89
Benjamin W. Hardy,	7 00
John L. Fish,	104 22
William Duncklee,	68 47
Leonard Bailey,	23 90
John F. Savage,	8 22

BREAKING ROADS (continued).

Henry S. Lowe,	\$103 50
Sidney H. Hardy,	36 72
William Savage,	17 40
James Bezley,	56 28
James Lewis,	41 32
Reuben A. Dutton,	37 33
James Cassion,	56 69
Horace B. Tuttle,	21 00
Amos M. Whittemore,	47 80
James E. Stearns,	25 50
John Grimes,	6 75
Jeremiah Holt,	40 87
John Cain,	58 65
Isaac B. Farrington,	10 65
D. W. Burnham,	13 15
N. Morrison,	8 40
Samuel Dascomb,	1 35
Luke E. Burtt,	1 87
James Perdue,	62
Lyman J. Straw,	10 05
Ransom B. Starrett,	6 36

	\$1013 82

REPAIRING HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid James Sawyer,	\$ 10 50
Samuel G. Hartshorn,	8 45
George L. Clement,	2 32
Horace Cudworth,	12 00
Isaac B. Farrington,	1 82
John L. Fish,	5 40
Leonard Bailey,	71 86
Henry S. Lowe,	63 55
William Savage,	16 05
John Wallace,	1 94
James Lewis,	22 25
Amos M. Whittemore,	7 92
John Cain,	19 50
Samuel Dascomb,	3 25
James Stearns,	13 50
John Grimes,	29 25
Jeremiah Holt,	13 50
Horace B. Tuttle,	44 11
Francis Hosmer,	12 75
Joseph LaClair,	5 25
Two Frenchmen,	12 50
Albert A. Smith,	8 75
Frank Lee,	2 25
John Cain, for repairing roads,	3 00
Ransom B. Starrett,	1 80
William H. Marsh,	4 50
Charles S. Lowe,	16 00
C. B. Wallace,	2 25
George Powers,	75
Chas. H. Hopkins,	6 55
Luke E. Burtt,	6 00
Chas. H. Hopkins, bridge plank,	25 24
G. W. French,	14 80
Frank J. Lowe,	14 37

	\$483 93

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Samuel H. Partridge, for recording births and deaths,	\$ 5 50
James Sawyer, labor on town house,	2 00
William L. Savage, for sheep killed by dogs,	4 00
Lucius Wilson, " " "	5 00
Burnham Cavender, " " "	4 00
Nahum Russell, " " "	3 00
Isaac B. Farrington, snowing bridge,	2 92
George H. Putnam, public watering place,	3 00
John L. Fish, " " "	3 00
James H. Brooks, " " "	3 00
Alfred N. Hardy, " " "	3 00
Henry H. Duncklee, " " "	3 00
G. D. Pollard, labor on town house,	8 35
G. D. Pollard, moving lobby,	10 00
Rodney Patch, taking care of town house,	8 00
R. Bradford & Co., store goods,	1 31
E. C. Richardson, store goods,	28 71
Earl Searles, work on hay scales,	1 00
James Sawyer, services as overseer of the poor,	22 00
James Sawyer, expense of poor,	98 64
Horace Cudworth, for collecting taxes in 1875,	55 00
Horace Cudworth, services as town clerk,	20 00
H. A. Abbott, repairing town house,	75
John Fletcher, for services as superintending school committee,	25 00
M. V. B. Greene, for stationery,	6 71
B. B. Whittemore, for printing reports for 1876,	25 00
D. White, insurance on town house,	30 00
D. W. King, for copies of deeds,	2 00
D. Pollard, Levi Holt and James Sawyer, for work on town house,	500 00
Paid for police badges, &c.,	16 75
Bounty on hawks.	4 00
Cost on Quimby case,	40 00
G. Y. Sawyer & Son, cost in law suit,	132 00
Chas. D. Fitch, for High school,	100 00
Paid for guide-boards,	2 00
J. D. Butler, damage on wagon,	6 00
C. H. Hopkins, for lumber for fence,	13 40
C. H. Hopkins, expense to Boston,	3 00
Henry H. Duncklee, expense to Manchester,	5 00
F. C. Fletcher, " " " "	5 00
Paid for glass for town house,	2 00
Henry H. Duncklee, expense to Nashua,	2 00
Telegraphing,	1 00
F. C. Fletcher, three journeys to Nashua,	7 50
" " two journeys to Wilton,	2 00
" " one journey to Concord,	5 00
Henry H. Duncklee, services as selectmen,	60 00
Franklin C. Fletcher, " " "	55 00
Chas. H. Hopkins, " " "	50 00
Franklin C. Fletcher, services as treasurer,	20 00
Joseph Manahan, on Quimby case,	400 00
Franklin C. Fletcher, expense to New Boston,	1 00
John Burnham's note,	900 00
H. H. Duncklee, keeping tramps,	68 00
Railroad men,	888 23
F. J. Lowe, for straw for beds for lobby,	1 50

\$3674 27

POLICE BILL.

Paid G. D. Pollard, for police services,	\$20 00
Frank B. Simonds, " "	7 50
Frank J. Lowe, " "	20 00

\$47 50

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount received,	\$7993 58
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Whole amount paid out:—

State Tax,	\$ 800 00
County Tax,	453 40
School Orders,	751 54
Interest on Notes,	645 42
Breaking Roads,	1013 82
Repairing Highways,	483 90
Miscellaneous Expenses,	3674 27
Police Expenses,	47 50

\$7869 85

Balance in the hands of the treasurer,	\$123 73
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FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Due on tax list of 1864,	\$ 4 38
" " " " 1867,	13 75
" " " " 1870,	2 00
" " " " 1871,	23 40
" " dog tax, 1871,	9 00
" " tax list, 1872,	4 25
" " dog tax, 1872,	7 00
" " tax list, 1873,	21 25
" " dog tax, 1873,	10 00
" " tax list, 1874,	79 00
" " dog tax, 1874,	11 00
" " tax list, 1875,	\$263 97

With the following abatements:

Thomas Evans,	\$1 56
John S. Draper,	1 56
Luke Felch,	1 56
John L. Hill,	1 56
George E. Messer,	1 56
Luther B. Smith,	1 56
Sanford Wilson,	1 56
Stephen A. Stowe,	1 56
Nat Rideout,	1 56
Robert Dickerson,	1 56
James Allen,	1 56
Albert Murphy,	1 56— 20 28— 243 69
Due on tax list of 1876,	1093 00

Less discount on taxes paid before Sept. 1st,	82 50—1010 50
Due on dog tax for 1876,	34 00

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Amount of notes against the town,	\$13705 00
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REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

Paid Frank Lee for board and care of Luke Felch,	\$26 50
E. Richardson, clothing for Luke Felch,	1 85
R. Patch, coffin and digging grave for Luke Felch,	15 80
S. H. Partridge, medical attendance on Luke Felch,	11 10
J. E. Stearns, boarding Luke E. Felch,	34 00
Jas. Sawyer, expense of carrying L. E. Felch to Stoddard,	4 00
J. Sawyer, clothing and other expenses of L. E. Felch,	3 96
R. Bradford & Co., clothing for L. E. Felch,	10 00
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Received of Luke Felch,	\$ 2 57
For bed and other articles sold,	6 00
Of town treasurer to balance the account,	98 64
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	\$107 21
	\$107 21

There is no one receiving help from the town at the present time.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES SAWYER, Overseer of the Poor.

Greenfield, Feb. 24, 1877.

Your committee have examined the foregoing reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, and Overseer of the Poor, and find them correct.

JOHN FLETCHER, { Auditing
CHARLES F. PEAVEY, { Committee.

